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The success of this great nation has always been predicated upon the principles of innovation and freedom of choice. A product such as satellite radio embraces both of these principles. I have been an avid fan of XM radio in particular since it came as part of my new GM vehicle in April of 2003. XM provides me with listening enjoyment not available via conventional means of broadcasting. I choose to pay for this service, and I get in return a service worth paying for, unlike the stale, unimaginative, and boring offerings of AM/FM radio.

It is frightening to me, and perceived as a fundamental attack on my freedom of choice that a lobbying group trying to protect the bottom lines of these broadcasting conglomerates may take away that freedom of choice. As always throughout America's past, competition has fueled advancement. Why stifle competition now? If the NAB is concerned about the listening public, then they should concentrate on making their product more interesting to the purchasing public and try competing with Satellite Radio instead of trying to legislate them away.

Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and protect technological advancement and more importantly, freedom of choice!!!

Respectfully yours,  
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